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Dear < >:

Re: SFY05 Statewide Local Domestic Preparedness Equipment Grant Program

The recently passed state fiscal year 2005 budget included \$10 million in state aid that has been appropriated to this department for third year funding of the "Statewide Local Domestic Preparedness Equipment Grant" program. The purpose of this program is to make grant funding available to municipalities in order to purchase domestic preparedness equipment for Police, Firefighters, and Emergency Medical Services personnel. Emphasis should be placed on using these funds to continue to support agencies with proven response capabilities, filling priority gaps in response capabilities not being addressed with federal and/or other funding sources, ensuring that agencies receiving these funds have documented roles/responsibilities in your county's approved Emergency Operations Plan, and to ensure standardization and interoperability among recipient agencies.

Funds will be awarded to municipalities via a grant application that will be administered by the New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety. Attached you will find a listing of the municipalities in your district that are eligible to apply for funding under this program. **Please note that the maximum amount that a municipality can request is \$200,000.**

As mentioned above, the intent of this program is to outfit the three response disciplines of Police, Firefighters, and EMS personnel. Although municipalities have discretion on how best to allocate their requested share of these first responder equipment funds, all three disciplines must be represented in a municipality's application. The only exception to this is when a municipality has one or two of the above named disciplines. In those cases, the municipality would only need to submit a request covering the first responder discipline(s) operating within its boundaries. A municipality's request can be discipline specific (i.e., individual requests can be made by the police department, fire department, and EMS), or a municipality can request equipment under a single discipline as long as it can demonstrate that the request benefits all three disciplines.

Grant funds cannot be used for personnel administrative costs, contractors, consultants, travel, firearms and ammunition, general-use or patrol vehicles, computers, or any other equipment not directly supporting domestic preparedness efforts.

Please note that funds will be provided to municipalities under this grant program via a reimbursement process. **If selected to receive a grant award, municipalities must first show proof of payment in order to be reimbursed for the cost of the requested equipment.**

Attached is the grant application package. Additional copies of the application package can be requested by contacting our department's Grants Management Office at 609-292-4478 or by downloading them from our department's web site: <http://www.state.nj.us/lps/grants.htm>. **Municipalities must submit (postmark) their completed grant applications no later than September 24, 2004. Applications postmarked after September 24, 2004 will not be accepted, no exceptions.**

If you have any questions concerning this program, please contact our department's Grants Coordinator at the following address:

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Our department looks forward towards implementing this grant program.

Sincerely yours,



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